

## Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A deep fat fryer apparatus includes a cooking vessel and a support assembly which are complementally configured, whereby the cooking vessel fits into the support assembly's frame so that an elongated raised central portion of the cooking vessel is aligned above an elongated heating element of the support assembly. The cooking vessel includes sloping wall surfaces extending outwardly and downwardly from the central portion, preferably with one or a pair of troughs provided for collecting loose food particles deposited therein by convection currents in the cooking media. The troughs present a cooler zone for the collected particles than the cooking zone in the cooking medium above a grate on which food to be cooked is received.

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